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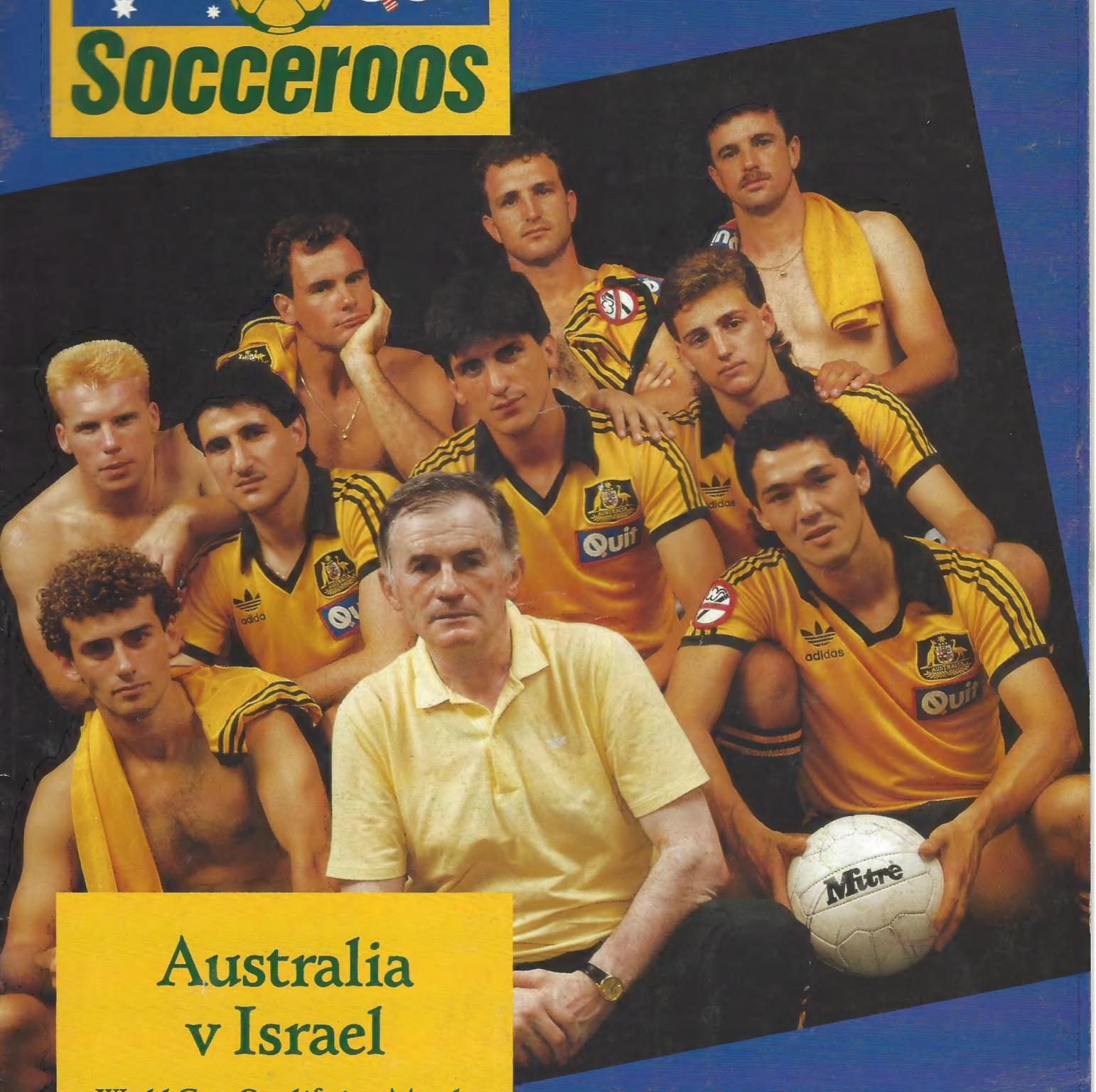

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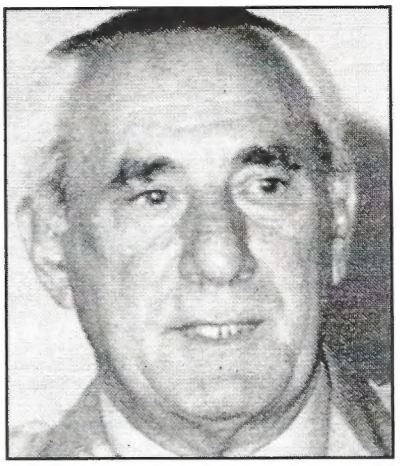

It is my pleasure on behalf of the Australian Soccer Federation to welcome the officials and players of the Israel Football Association to this very important World Cup Qualifying Fixture.

It is appropriate the last fixture in the series will determine the nation to proceed to the next round of qualification for Italy 1990.

To Mr Gad Egosi, Head of Delegation, the other offficials accompanying the team and in particular the players, I can assure you of a warm welcome and an enjoyable stay in Australia.

May I also take the opportunity of welcoming our officials, Mr C. Longhi from Italy together with Mr M. Girard and Mr C. Bouillet from France.

Also attending today's match as the representative of FIFA is Mr Charles Dempsey, President Oceania Football Confederation. To Charles we also extend a warm welcome.

The sponsorship of Australian Soccer by the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation and its Agencies has brought together this sport and the ideals of a healthy environment.

The Foundation are working to achieve a situation where health is seen as part of everyday living — an essential dimension to the quality of life in our society.

The natural association between an organisation with that philosophy and the world's largest football code is one that allows compatible aims and objectives to work for the benefit of all concerned.

Finally, may I thank all soccer supporters in Australia for their continued support of the Australian Socceroos, proudly sponsored by Quit.

IAN BRUSASCO, A.M.
CHAIRMAN

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ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR

IN this our afternoon of decision, let us all stand up and give our boys a great start to the match in rendering with gusto our National Anthem!

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free.
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,
Our home is girt by sea,
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare.
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands,
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands.
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share.
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Australian Quit Socceroos

INTO BATTLE WITH BANNERS FLYING HIGH!

NATIONAL Coach Frank Arok has achieved many great deeds with his beloved Socceroos since he was given control of the destiny of our team.

Indeed, over the years Arok and his men have done Australian sport proud with their efforts both at home and on overseas soil.

But today's crucial World Cup qualifier against Israel will probably be the most important sortie the Socceroos have ever embarked upon, with the winner to take all and qualify to the final elimination round against a yet unknown South American opponent.

For Arok and his men, today is what it's really been all about over the years.

And in typical fashion never has an Australian outfit been so determined to succeed.

"Our destiny lies in our own hands and we are determined to succeed," the Australian mentor proclaimed during a break in the Socceroo preparations in Sydney this week.

"It is no secret we had planned to have at least one or two extra points going into today's game, but our defeat in Auckland upset these plans.

"Now we have to win this game against Israel — and we will win.

"I can assure all our fans who will support us to the hilt, that our team will fight until there's not a breath left in their bodies for Australia in this match.

"These men in the green and gold of this great country of ours fully realise what's at stake and will act accordingly.

"They will play in the manner expected from every Australian sporting team that steps into the international arena.

"With courage, conviction and a will to win second to none.

"Sure, it will be difficult — it always is in the World Cup.

"But, believe me, our players are ready and thoroughly prepared for 90 minutes of great achievement this afternoon.

"The formula being — *'blood, sweat and suffering'* for an Australian win.

"I have the utmost confidence in my players and their courage, character and ability.

"They have shown in the preparations leading into this game that they are more than equipped for anything that comes their way.

"I've never seen them hungrier for success.

"And I'm confident it will be a win that will demonstrate their ability to conquer and overcome when the chips are down.

"These players to a man believe that to 'work hard' for what they want is 'normal'.

"They don't expect an easy road in football and are surprised when they find others expect short cuts and ease of accomplishment.

"I also ask our supporters today to get behind our team with a vocal support that will shake every rafter of this magnificent Sydney Football Stadium.

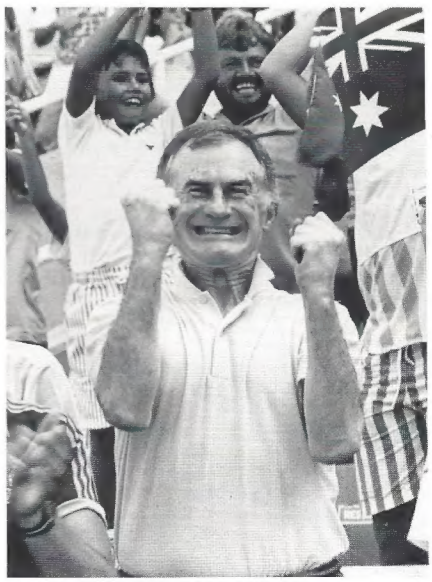
"This is a battle for World Cup survival and our supporters can play an important part in it.

"Let's make this an afternoon to remember!"

Throughout the world, Soccer is the most all-embracing and most successful sport of all time.

FIFA has more members than the United Nations.

At 4.45pm this afternoon Frank Arok and his Socceroos are determined more than ever before to have Soccer's flag flying high at the top of the Australian masthead!



Frank Arok (centre) excited at the Aussies' performance versus New Zealand in Sydney.

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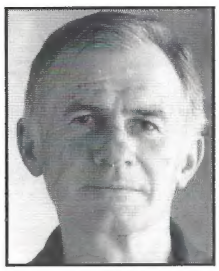
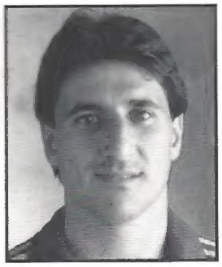
AUSTRALIAN PLAYERS



FRANK AROK
Coach

JEFF OLVER



Goalkeeper. Age 28 (born 25 December 1960). Club: Melbourne Croatia. Socceroo debut v Glasgow Rangers 1984. 54 appearances for Australia (35 full internationals). Now firmly established as first choice keeper after going through the 1986 World Cup qualifying campaign as understudy to Terry Greedy. Was the subject of the highest transfer ($26,000) for a goalkeeper between Australian clubs when he joined Melbourne Croatia this season after nine years at Heidelberg.

CHARLIE YANKOS

Sweeper. Age 27 (born 29 May 1961). Club: PAOK (Greece). Socceroo debut v England 1983. Has scored 9 goals in 80 appearances for Australia (45 full internationals). Took over as Australian Captain from John Kosmina in 1986. Combines resolute defending with superb ability to read the game. Started his club career with Heidelberg, moved to West Adelaide then to Apia before joining PAOK in Greece early this season. Undoubtedly, Australia's master at taking penalties.

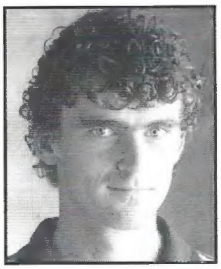
ALAN DAVIDSON

Defender. Age 28 (born 1 June 1960). Club: Melbourne Croatia. Socceroo debut v Czechoslovakia 1980. Three goals in 71 appearances for Australia (48 full internationals). A regular of two World Cup campaigns who had declared he would retire from international soccer after the Seoul Olympics. Started out at club level with Altona City, then joined South Melbourne after playing in the 1979 World Youth Championship qualifiers in Paraguay. Moved to Nottingham Forest in England for $30,000 at the end of six years with the club. Returned to the club in 1986 and reclaimed his Socceroo spot the same year after recovering from a back injury.

MIKE GIBSON

Goalkeeper. Age 25 (born 1 March 1963). Club: St. George. Socceroo debut v China XI 1985. 4 appearances for Australia (3 full internationals). The understudy of Olver who was finally given his chance in a full international in the recent Olympic Games qualifiers against Chinese Taipei. National coach Frank Arok signed him for his club side St. George from Penrith City in 1986.

ANDREW KOCZKA

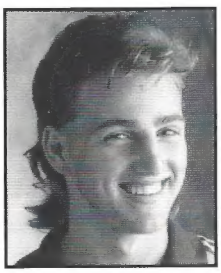


Sweeper. Age 23 (born 9 September 1965). Club: St. George. Socceroo debut v Indonesia 1984. 4 appearances for Australia in full internationals. Starred for Australia during the Merlion Cup in Singapore in 1984 and has played against Holland and more recently against Chinese Taipei during the Olympic qualifiers. Has played for St. George for 9 years making his debut in the first team in 1983. Took over as club captain the following year from Socceroo David Ratcliffe. Is truly one of Australia's future stars.

ALEX TOBIN

Defender. Age 23 (born 5 April 1966). Club: Adelaide City. Socceroo debut v Gothenburg 1988. One goal in 4 appearances for Australia (3 full internationals). Leftback who was added to the squad at the start of last season and who scored in his first full international against Chinese Taipei in the Olympic qualifiers in March. Broke into senior soccer with Birkalla in South Australian State League then moved to the NSL with Adelaide City in 1984. Won an NSL championship with Adelaide City in 1986.

PAUL TRIMBOLI



Midfielder. Age 19 (born 25 February 1969). Club: South Melbourne. Played with Brighton since under 7's (between 1976 and 1985) then spent a year at the Institute of Sport before joining George Cross. At Brighton he played for the seniors in Division 4 of the Victorian League. He is a student, in his second year of an accounting diploma course.

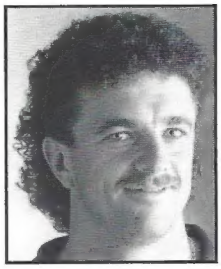
GARY VAN EGMOND

Defender. Age 24 (born 29 June 1965). Club: Melbourne City. Qualified for the first time to the Socceroo squad in the Bicentennial Gold Cup tournament rightly deserving the call-up following an inspirational season at club level, 8 appearances for Australia. Travelled to Holland in 1984 where he played with first division club RKC for eight months and was offered a trial with Ajax, turned it down in preference to returning home. Has enough potential to claim a regular national team position.

SCOTT OLLERENSHAW

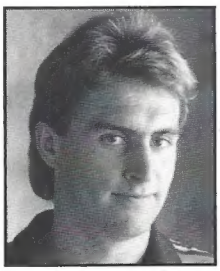
Forward. Age 21 (born 9 February 1968). Club: St. George. Socceroo debut v Chinese Taipei 1987. One goal in 14 appearances for Australia (12 full internationals). Scored his only goal in the recent Gold Cup tournament against Saudi Arabia. The youngest member of the Australian squad and another player who plays under Arok at both club and national team level. Graduated into St George's senior team as an 18-year-old and has been a regular for the NSL for 3 years. First called up into the Socceroos for the elimination matches of the Olympics last year then came on as substitute twice in the March qualifiers.

GRAHAM ARNOLD



Forward. Age 25 (born 3 August 1963). Club: Sydney Croatia. Socceroo debut v Red Star in 1985. 22 goals in 50 appearances for Australia (34 full internationals). Highly rated striker who was sought by Dutch club Roda in the pre-season. Has scored over 50 goals in five seasons of NSL soccer with the one club. Was an understudy in the last World Cup campaign but since his promotion has kept up an average of one goal in every two games for the national team.

PAUL WADE

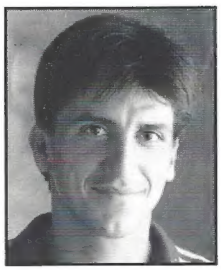


Midfielder. Age 27 (born 20 March 1962). Club: South Melbourne. Socceroo debut v China XI 1985. Two goals in 41 appearances for Australia (31 full internationals). Non-stop runner who has proved an excellent foil for Oscar Crino and Mike Petersen in midfield.Came to Australia as a teenager from England, playing junior soccer with Dandenong, then State League with Prahran Slavia and Croydon before moving up to National League with Green Gully. Won a NSL Championship with Brunswick before joining South Melbourne in 1987.

WARREN SPINK

Forward. Age 22 (born 4 October 1966). Club: Preston. A former youth International making his debut for the Socceroos. Strong, aggressive forward who has earned his selection after strong performances for Footscray in the West End National Soccer League. With the absence of Frank Farina he has the opportunity to establish himself in the Winfield Socceroo squad.

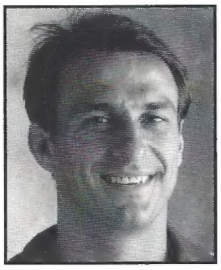
OSCAR CRINO



Midfielder. Age 26 (born 9 August 1962). Club: Melbourne City. Socceroo debut v Indonesia 1981. 11 goals in 64 appearances for Australia (33 full internationals). Considered the most skilful player in Australian soccer. Came to Australia as a 10-year-old from Argentina. Broke into senior soccer at 16 with Juventus. Played for Australia in the 1981 World Youth Championship. Had a short stint in Hong Kong before returning to sign for South Melbourne and helped them win the 1984 NSL championship. Transferred to Cyprus club Anorthosis for $35,000 but returned six months later to join Footscray. Played a big part in 1986 World Cup campaign and is invaluable in the Socceroo line-up often taking the role of a playmaker.

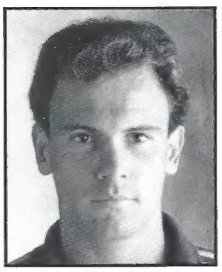
MIKE PETERSEN

Midfielder. Age 23 (born 6 May 1965). Club: South Melbourne. Socceroo debut v Udinese 1985. Two goals in 25 appearances for Australia (13 full internationals).. Skilful central midfielder who earned a recall into the Socceroo squad after spending a year with Ajax in Holland. Scored in his first game for Australia after coming on as a substitute against Udinese in Adelaide. Won a championship NSL medal with Juventus in 1985 in his first season of National League.



WALLY SAVOR

Defender. Age 29 (born June 1959). Club: Sydney Croatia. Through a tragic injury missed playing in the Olympic Games in Seoul, after being a key player in the qualifying games. Now back to his brilliant best. He is a player who is steady and reliable at all times and can be counted on to turn in a consistent performance in every appearance.



STEVE CALDERAN

Defender. Age 25 (born April 1963). Club: Marconi. 3 appearances in the National squad. A no-nonsense defender who was the backbone of his club's championship win last season. Works as a builder and is a player who has a bright future in front of him.

ROBBIE SLATER

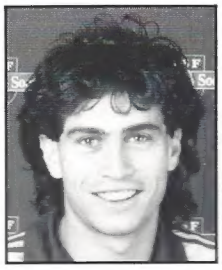
Forward. Age 23 (born November 1964). Club: Sydney Croatia. Winfield Socceroo debut v Brazil in the Bicentennial Gold Cup tournament last July. Three appearances for Australia at full international. Also played against Saudi Arabia in the Gold Cup. Has made four appearances for Australia B team against Glasgow Rangers, Nottingham Forest and Iraklis. Broke into the NSL with St George at the age of 17 where he stayed for four years before transferring to Sydney Croatia in 1987.

EDDIE KRNCEVIC

Striker. Age 27. Club: Anderlecht (Belgium). 19 full international appearances. Rated one of Europe's most dynamic strikers and leading goal-scorer in the Belgian 1st Div. Before joining Anderlecht, played in Europe for Dynamo Zagreb in Yugoslavia, Duisberg in West Germany and Cercle Brugge in Belgium. Now on verge of a $1.5 million transfer to France.

DAVID MITCHELL

Striker. Age 26. Club: Chelsea (England). 26 full international appearances. A gifted striker who has also made it big in Europe. Before joining Chelsea a few weeks ago played with great distinction for Feyenoord (Holland), Eintracht Frankfurt (West Germany) and Glasgow Rangers (Scotland). Since joining Chelsea has helped the London club back to the English 1st Div. next season.



FRANK FARINA

Striker. Age 24. Club: FC Brugge (Belgium). 31 full international appearances. Broke into European football with the Brugge club after the Olympic Games in Seoul last year and is quickly making a big name for himself on the Belgian scene. Destined for a long and distinguished career in the top pro-ranks of European football.

PETER RASKOPOULOS

Midfielder. Age 26. Club: Sydney Olympic. Total international games played: 24. Back in national squad after injury. A brilliant midfielder with great vision and the ability to open up any defence with accurate long passes. Another product of the Young Socceroos.

THE OCEANIA QUALIFYING GROUP

THE Socceroos need a win and Israel need a draw — that's the formula that will decide the Oceania World Cup Qualifying group.

And the outcome will be decided here at the Sydney Football Stadium this afternoon when Australia and Israel do battle.

The group standing going into this afternoon's clash is:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ISRAEL	3	1	2	0	4	3	4
AUST.	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
N.Z.	4	1	1	2	5	7	3

Results of the games played:

In Tel Aviv (5/3/89) — Israel 1, New Zealand 0. Referee S. Muimenthaler (Switzerland).

In Sydney (12/3/89) — Australia 4, New Zealand 1. Referee S. Takada (Japan).

In Tel Aviv (19/3/89) — Israel 1, Australia 1. Referee M. Meuner (W. Germany).

In Auckland (2/4/89) — New Zealand 2, Australia 0. Referee M. Bin Singah (Singapore).

In Auckland (9/4/89) — New Zealand 2, Israel 2. Referee C. Bouillet (France).

In Sydney (16/4/89) — Australia v. Israel. Referee C. Longhi (Italy).

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The Oceania Zone Qualifying Series kicked-off at the Ramat Gan Stadium in Tel Aviv on March 5, 1989, when the Kiwis under the guidance of coach John Adshead lost 0–1 to the home side.

After a solid preparation in England, New Zealand went into the match with defensive tactics, but still could have come out of the game with a draw.

However, Israel got the start it was looking for and were the first nation with two valuable points on the scoreboard.

Then came the clash at the Sydney Football Stadium on March 12, when the Socceroos got off to the start they were looking for, with a fine 4–1 win over the lads from the Shaky Isles.

This was a convincing win by Australia against a New Zealand team that never looked the part throughout the 90 minutes.

The scoreline flattered New Zealand who were let off lightly.

For the Socceroos it was then on to Tel Aviv with the away clash against Israel before a capacity crowd of 50,000 at the Ramat Gan Stadium.

The hype and build-up to this match was enormous and probably the greatest ever mounted for a soccer game in Israel.

This was pressure with a capital 'P'!

The result — a 1–1 draw with honours even in what can only be described as a hard fought and bitter tussle.

Then came the clash in Auckland on April 2, when against all odds, New Zealand downed the Socceroos 2–0 at Mt Smart Stadium.

For Australia this was a bitter pill to swallow after a performance that saw the Socceroos way below par.

Although they had left their run too late, the Kiwis then went in against Israel at Mt Smart Stadium last Sunday, April 9.

The result was a 2–2 draw in a hard fought struggle that could have gone either way.

The result set the scene for today's big showdown.

As always, this Oceania campaign has been a bitter struggle for supremacy by three proud nations.

A struggle that will be decided after 90 tense and nail-biting minutes this afternoon here at the Sydney Football Stadium.

The end result for one team at the end of today's game!

TODAY'S GAME TONIGHT!

Tonight, when you get home, you'll be able to sit back in comfort and watch today's exciting World Cup Qualifier between the Socceroos and Israel all over again!

How? When Les Murray presents a comprehensive highlights coverage of today's game TONIGHT at 10.50pm on SBS Television.

And you never know you might just see something you missed this afternoon — or see yourself in the crowd!

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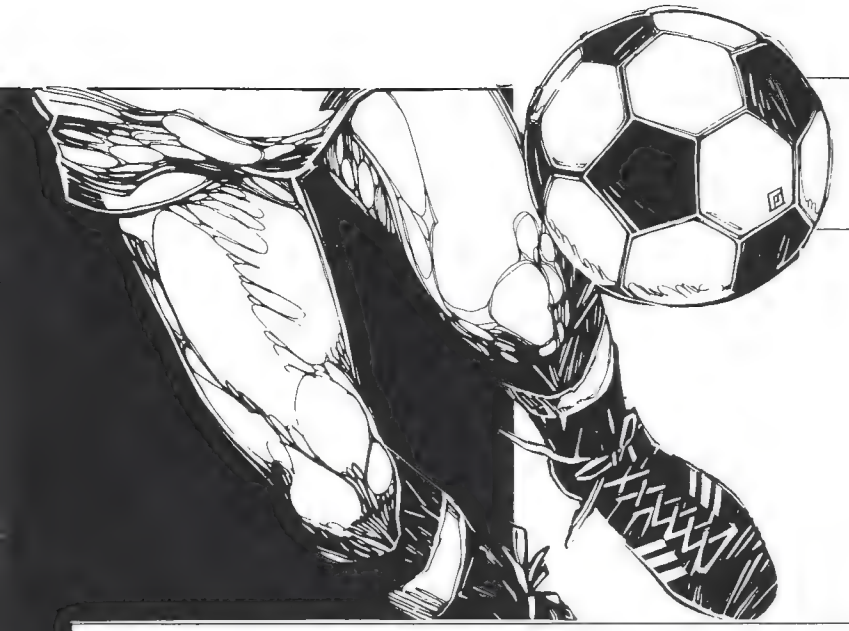


SQUADS FOR TODAY'S MATCH

AUSTRALIA

1 JEFF OLVER *(Melbourne Croatia)*
2 WALLY SAVOR *(Sydney Croatia)*
3 ALAN DAVIDSON *(Melbourne Croatia)*
4 CHARLIE YANKOS *(PAOK Salonika)*
5 GARY VAN EGMOND *(Melb. City)*
6 PAUL WADE *(South Melbourne)*
7 FRANK FARINA *(FC Brugge)*
8 DAVID MITCHELL *(Chelsea)*
9 GRAHAM ARNOLD *(Sydney Croatia)*
10 OSCAR CRINO *(Melbourne City)*
11 EDDIE KRNCEVIC *(Anderlecht)*
12 STEVE CALDERAN *(Marconi)*
13 MIKE PETERSEN *(South Melbourne)*
14 SCOTT OLLERENSHAW *(St. George)*
15 PETER RASKOPOULOS *(Syd. Olympic)*
16 ROBBIE SLATER *(Sydney Croatia)*
17 ALEX TOBIN *(Adelaide City)*
18 PAUL TRIMBOLI *(South Melbourne)*
19 ANDREW KOCZKA *(St. George)*
22 MIKE GIBSON *(St. George)*

ISRAEL

1 ZION GINSBURG *(Maccabi Haifa)*
2 AVRAHAM COHEN *(Beitar Jerusalem*
3 YEHUDA AMAR *(Hapoel Tel Aviv)*
4 NIR KLINGER *(Maccabi Haifa)*
5 DAVID PISANTI *(Queens Park Rangers)*
6 NIR ALON *(Hapoel Petach Tikva)*
7 MOSHE SINAY *(Hapoel Tel Aviv)*
8 EPHRAIM DAVADI *(Hapoel Beer Sheva)*
9 SALOM TIKVA *(Standard Leige)*
10 ELYAUO OHANA *(Mechelen FC)*
11 RON ROSENTHAL *(Standard Leige)*
12 YARON PARSELANI *(Beitar Tel Aviv)*
13 YIGEL MENACHEM *(Maccabi Netania)*
14 EITAN AHRONI *(Maccabi Haifa)*
15 SHLOMO ILUZ *(Hapoel Beer Sheva)*
16 MIR LEVIN *(Hapoel Petach Tikva)*
17 ELIEZER DRIEKS *(Maccabi Tel Aviv)*
18 SHMUEL GILARDI *(Hapoel Ramat-Gan)*
19 NISSAN COHEN *(Beitar Tel Aviv)*
22 JACOB ASIAG *(Bnei-Yehuda)*

REFEREE : C. LONGHI *(Italy)*

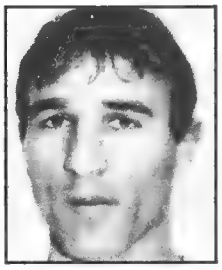
LINESMEN : C. BOUILLET *(France)*
M. GIRARD *(France)*

ISRAEL SQUAD

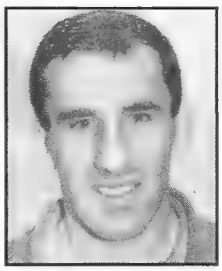
ITZHAK SCHNEOR
National Coach

YAACOV GRUNDAMN
National Coach

MOSHE SINAY
CAPTAIN
MIDFIELD
BORN: 28.2.61
CLUB: Hapoel Tel Aviv
CAPS: 38



AVI COHEN
DEFENDER
BORN: 12.6.62
CLUB: Beitar Jerusalem
CAPS: 17



JACOB ASIAG
GOALKEEPER
BORN: 1.3.59
CLUB: Bnei-Yehuda
CAPS: 1

EITAN AHARONI
DEFENDER
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CLUB: Maccabi Haifa
CAPS: 7

SHMUEL GILARDI
GOALKEEPER
BORN: 29.8.64
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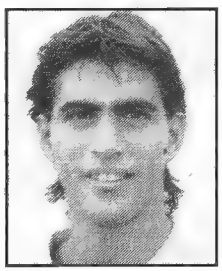

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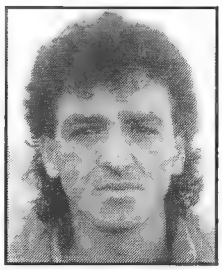

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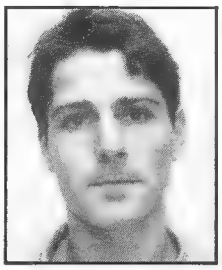

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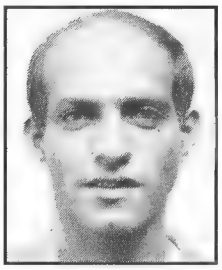

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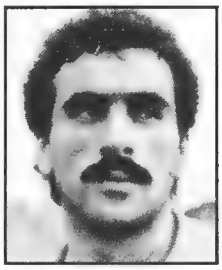

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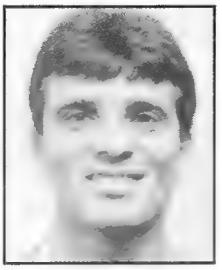

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THE ISRAEL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

SINCE when has football been played in this country?

Some claim the starting date as 1912, and there is written proof to this; others are going back to 1905 and even before that.

It appears that football started in the town of Jaffa, where "Herzelia" High School was situated in the ancient town and students there kicked the ball around in the open spaces. Those "kick arounds" developed into proper games in the early days of Tel Aviv, and new immigrants to the country who already played football abroad joined in. From Jaffa-Tel Aviv the game spread to other places. Consequently, several teams were set up before 1914. After the First World War sporting life slowly returned, and soccer games were played between Jewish, Arab and British teams (Army and Police).

In mid-August, 1928 a general meeting was held to lay the ground for a National Football Association and to request affiliation to FIFA on June 6, 1929. The "Palestine Football Association" was accepted as a full FIFA member.

A properly organised National League only started in 1932, with 9 clubs. Cup games preceded the League championship.

Football was the sport that first got its boots on in the wake of the War of Independence in 1948 and in October 1949 the leagues returned to a normal schedule. A different demonstration of the fact that the State of Israel was alive was the national team's tour of the USA in September of 1948.

Israel commenced official International competition in 1934. Since then Israel has participated regularly in the World Cup. In 1970 Israel reached the final 16 in the World Cup Championship. Two years earlier, for the first time, Israel reached the final 16 in the Mexico City Olympic Games and again reached the final 16 in the Montreal Olympic Games of 1976.

Israel had been a very active member in the Asian Football Confederation since 1956. But in the early 1970s the Arab-Moslem bloc in Asian Football began to rear its head against Israel and in 1976 Israel was ousted from the Asian Football Confederation.

Israel Football now has its eyes on one objective — its inclusion in European football.

Israel now has 5 senior divisions (280 teams and over 500 youth and children's teams who are playing League and Cup matches).

The thankless job of being a goalie!

ITALY AND NEXT YEAR'S WORLD CUP FINALS

—*A FIFA VIEWPOINT*

Almost 100 Per Cent Seating at the World Cup Final Competition in Italy

FOR the final competition of the World Cup in Italy, 75 per cent of the spectator space had to be reserved for seating only. This is what FIFA stipulated in its Terms of Reference for the local organisers in 1983. During the inspection tour of Italy by the FIFA delegation, the hosts sprang a few pleasant surprises. One of them was that, in ten of the twelve stadia chosen for the 1990 World Cup final competition, the reconstruction plans provided only for seats and that, in the other two, only a minimum of standing room would be made available.

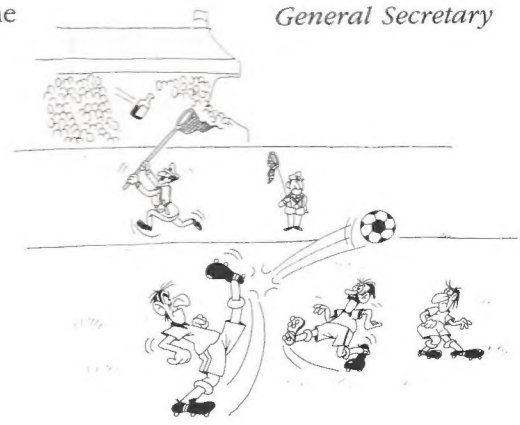
Approximately 98 per cent seating at a World Cup final competition in Europe — that amounts almost to a historical turnabout. When FIFA recently voiced strong opinions about an improvement of the seating facilities in stadia, it was met not only with approval. Too many clubs and associations clung to old spectator traditions, whereas in fact FIFA was only advocating what has long been taken for granted at sports stadia in various countries from other continents: individual seats for spectators paying to see the game. Visitors can hardly believe it when they hear that there are people in Europe who pay good money to stand to watch a match, sometimes even in the rain.

Behind FIFA's demand for seats is more than just the wish to provide comfort — an idea which will have to become fact before the century is out. Numbered seats have other effects too. The spectator does not have to go to the stadium one whole hour before the match to secure a good view. He has only to take the seat reserved for him, free of any stress, just before kick-off. Aggressive behaviour amongst fans, as has often been observed in important matches even before kick-off, will disappear. From the spectator's point of view, football should thus develop from hectic hobby into relaxing pastime. Another positive aspect could be that other types of patrons, who have hitherto stayed away, could be tempted into the stadium.

The provision of seats in the stadia has brought about other improvements for the spectator, namely, modern refreshment facilities and public conveniences, easy access to the seats and outer approaches of the stadia, and less obstructed views. The length of the Olympia Stadium in Rome will be reduced by approximately 50 metres and, in all twelve stadia, the lowest rows will have to be placed above the billboards so as not to obscure the view. In Bari, computers were used to calculate the roofing for the stands so as to provide the best conditions for both players and spectators from the point of view of wind currents.

So the days of the dreary, uninviting oval are drawing to an end. ITALIA '90 will herald a new era in football for Europe: from now on it is the turn of the long neglected spectator.

J. S. Blatter
General Secretary



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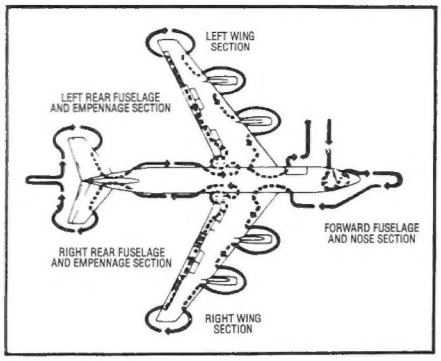

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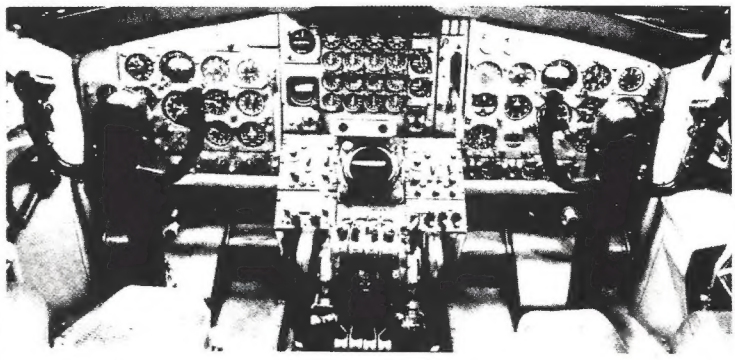

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Kosher is sort of slang for "A.O.K." Literally, it means "fitting and proper" in Hebrew. We spend more time walking than flying. And we take it very literally indeed.

Before we let one of our aircraft off the ground, our crews do some fancy footwork to make sure that everything is just so. The ground crew takes a nice long walk all around the plane. Every inch of the wings, the fuselage and the engines gets scrutinized. Every item on a very long checklist must be initialled one by one, and the man who checks the checker must sign the completed form. When the walk is over, the work has only begun. One member of the ground crew goes into the cockpit to test all the controls. Another man stays outside to see what happens. There are even tests to test the tests. Horns blow and lights light to show that things are working properly. And if something isn't Kosher, everything stops until everything is.

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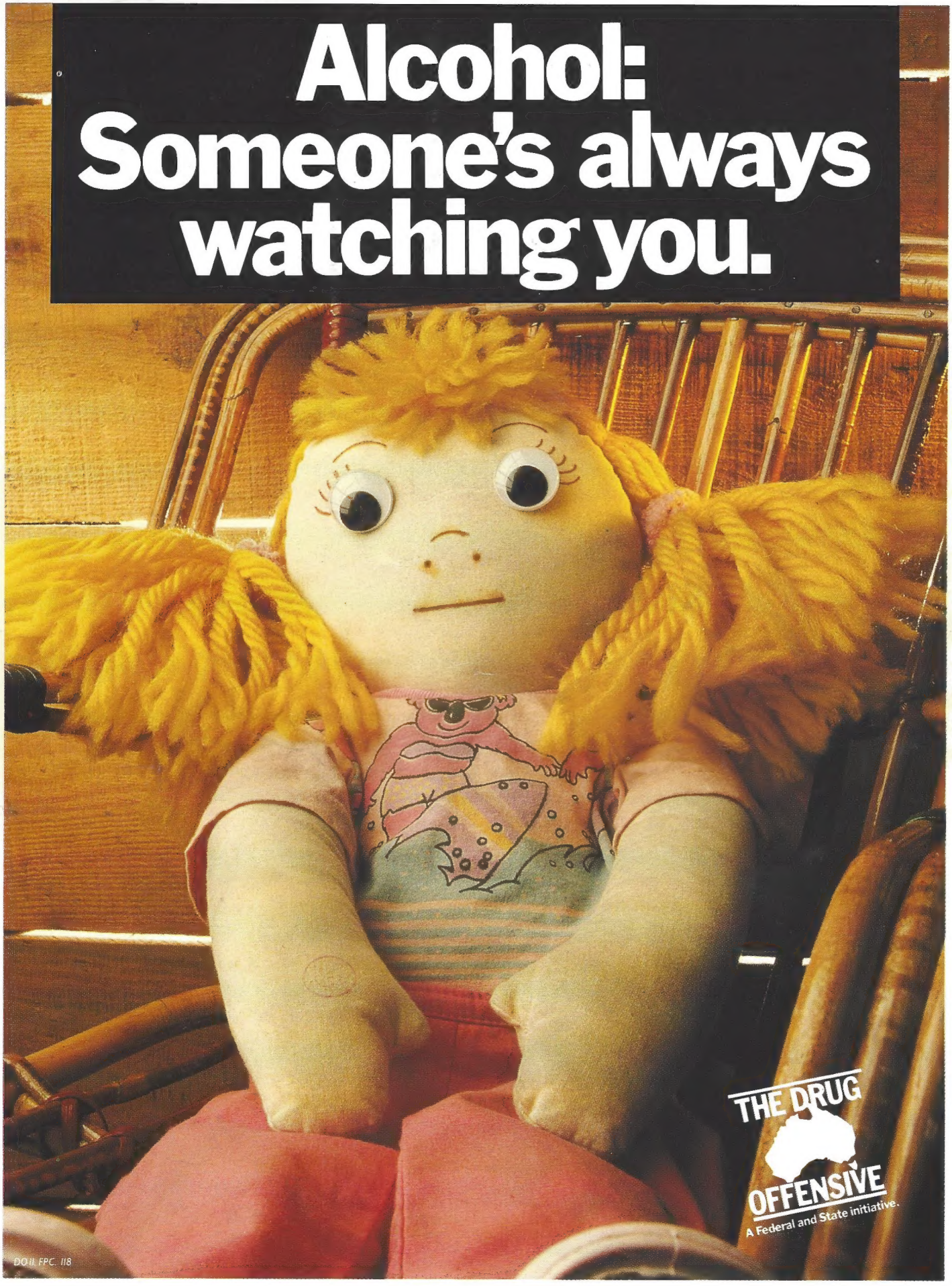
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